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McCB:

If Soviets buy U Thant proposal, I presume we're prepared to deal with fact it covers only Soviet ships.

Soviets would naturally turn to use of Bloc or other shipping. I presume our counter is that such shipping is still subject to quarantine (and incidents which might occur less risky than direct US/Soviet confrontation). But we may have to make this clear in advance to Soviets, U Thant, and perhaps world if we want to justify our actions.

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